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In the period of 1949-1950, the Mining and Metallurgical Company (Banska a hutni spolechost), National Corporation, Prague T 1, carried out experimental drillings in the area about three kiloneters scuthwest of Cesky Tesin (950/088) within the township of Dolni 20kov (950/078) in search of methane gas. Two drillings—were made about 600 neters apart. The first revealed an extensive deposit with a presure of about 70 atmospheres. After the initial drawing the pressure fell to 40 atmospheres and remained at that level. The second drilling revealed a deposit of 40 atmospheres pressure. After the gas was conducted to the surface of the earth, netal pipes with a diameter of about 10 to 15 centineters were sunk into the ground. Metal pipes of the same diameter were laid in the ground in the depth of about one meter for the transport of gas to Cesly Tesin and to Trinec (950/087). By the end of 1950 all the work was completed.

2. According to a local informant ethane gas is being used in the V.M. Molotov Iromworks, Trinec, for heating blast furnaces, trus saving black coal concumption. In Cashy Tesin the municipal gas works and gas ranges in private houses were adapted to the use of methane.

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